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SUBJECT: SUGAR: WEST INDIES QUOTA IN U.S. IN 1974

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1. JAMAICAN AND TRINIDADIAN PERMREPS, ACCOMPANIED BY HEAD GUYANA DEL AND WISA CHAIRMAN KIRKWOOD, CALLED ON USDEL OCTOBER 1 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF WEST INDIES 1974 QUOTA IN U.S. JAMAICAN (WALKER) PRESENTED CASE IN SOME DETAIL IN TERMS SIMILAR TO REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE.

2. USDEL RESPONDED THAT PROBLEM SEEMED TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO SEPARABLE ASPECTS. FIRST IS OPERATION OF SECTION 202(D)(4) OF U.S. SUGAR ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON 1974 QUOTA. HOWEVER
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SYMPATHETIC WE MAY BE TO SITUATION IN WHICH WEST INDIES FINDS

ITSELF, STATUTORY REDUCTION IN QUOTA APPEARS INESCAPABLE. ONCE THIS FACT ACCEPTED, PROBLEM REMAINS OF WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT RESULT. AT THIS TIME, USDEL SAID, WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO OFFER BUT, COGNIZANT OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS, ARE CONTINUING LOOK FOR POSSIBLE AMELIORATIVE MEASURES.

3. KIRKWOOD ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ACTION UNDER SECTION 204(A) OF THE ACT TO MAKE SPECIAL REALLOCATION OF SHORT FALLS TO WEST INDIES IN THE "NATIONAL INTEREST". USDEL EXPLAINED THAT THIS SECTION HAD ONLY BEEN USED IN MOST EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND LARGELY ON BASIS OF EXPRESS CONGRESSIONAL INTENT. WE SUGGESTED THAT IN ANY EVENT, IT APPARENTLY IN INTEREST OF NO ONE TO MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONAL ALLOCATION UNTIL ALL CONCERNED ARE CERTAIN SUGAR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET IT. KIRKWOOD QUICKLY SEIZED POINT AND AGREED THAT FURTHER WEST INDIAN SHORRFALL UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE EXTREMELY DAMAGING TO WEST INDIES INTERESTS DURING RECONSIDERATION OF SUGAR ACT NEXT YEAR.

4. USDEL INFORMED WEST INDIANS THAT PROPOSED INITIAL QUOTAS FOR 1974 WILL BE ISSUED BY USDA EARLY THIS WEEK WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT BY INTERESTED PARTIES BEFORE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT 1974 ALLOCATIONS.
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